(c) and (d) No, Sir. Coaches have been supplied to Eastern, South Eastern and Northeast Frontier Railways as required taking into account the total production planned during any year.

Development of Spices

4879. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had prepared any schemes for the development of spices in the country particularly in Kerala; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) and (b) During 8th Plan, a Centrally Sponsored Integrated Programme for Development of Spices is being implemented in the country with an outlay of Rs. 125.00 crores. Of this, the allocation made for the State of Kerala is Rs. 60.21 crores. The details of the measures being implemented in Kerala for development of various spices are as follows:

1. Black Pepper

Production of rooted pepper cuttings; Rehabilitation of old pepper garden; Distribution of input kits; Adoption of plant protection measures against quick wilt disease; Laying out field demonstration plots; Promotion of cultivation as intercrop; and Area Expansion Programme.

2. Ginger

Production of nucleus seed material; Establishment of demonstration-cum-seed multiplication plots; Distribution of minikits of ginger; Plant protection demonstration programme; and Area expansion programme.

3. Turmeric

Production of nucleus seeds; Establishment of demonstration-cum-seed multiplication plots; Area Expansion programme; and Providing assistance for fabrication of polishing drums.

4. Chillies

Establishment of demonstration-cum-seed multiplication plots; Distribution of minimits; and Establishment of demonstration plots of paprika.

5. Tree spices

Production and distribution of quality planting materials of Clove, Nutmeg grafts & Cinnamon/Cassia; and Establishment of tree spices demonstration plots.

6. General

Distribution of plant protection equipments; Financial assistance for setting up irrigation units; Promotion of soil conservation measures; and Staff and infrastructure.

[Translation]

Crime at New Delhi Railway Station

4880. SHRI O.P. JINDAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned 'Delhi mein Railway Station per choron ko police ka Sanrakshan', appearing in the 'Navbharat Times' dated August 8, 1996;

(b) if so, whether the gangs of thieves are active at the railway stations in Delhi under the protection of the Railway police;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to curb such incidents on the Railway Station?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA): (a) to (c) No such news item has come to the notice of the Government. However, no organised gang of thieves is active at the Railway stations in Delhi under the protection of the Railway Police.

(d) The steps taken by the Delhi Police to prevent thefts at the Railway stations include, inter alia, intensification of patrolling and pasting of the photographs of known thieves at important places/platforms.

[English]

Watershed/Lakes

4881. SHRI AJAY MUKHOPADHYAY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have selected some watershed/lakes as national watershed/lakes in the country;

(b) if so, names of watershed/lakes declared as national watershed/lakes;

(c) whether any steps are to be taken for their beautification;

(d) whether any amount has been allotted for the purpose for these watershed/lakes; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) to (e) A National Lake